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Letter dated 28 August 1995 from the Chargé d'affaires a i. of the Permanent Mission of Bosnia and Herzegovina to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

This morning, between 10.30 and 10.45 a.m. local time, Pale Serb forces fired five mortar shells at a crowded Sarajevo central market-place, killing 33 and heavily wounding 84 civilians. The shell that was fired in this latest terrorist attack landed at the crossroad near the city market "Markale" - less than 200 metres away from the place where, in February 1994, 68 people had been killed.

The Government of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina held an emergency session today and concluded that it should recommend to the Parliament and the Presidency of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina to consider the suspension of any further activities in the peace process until the commitments and the role of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) is clarified with respect to the protection of Sarajevo and other United Nations safe areas. The Government is of the opinion that it is the NATO countries that insist on the maintenance of the arms embargo against the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina. Having deprived us of the weapons to defend ourselves, those countries have accepted the commitment and have the responsibility to offer protection to our country.

The Government of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina is firmly convinced that this latest unprovoked attack on Sarajevo exclusion zone and safe

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area must be met immediately with a firm and rapid response, as was formulated in the statement of the London meeting, issued on 21 July 1995.

May I ask for your kind assistance in circulating the present letter as a document of the General Assembly, under item 28 of the provisional agenda, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Ivan Z. MISIC
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